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NONFERROUS METAL INDUSTRY REPORTS ADVANCES

NEW ADDITIVES INCREASE COPPER RECOVERY -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 204, 30 Aug 49

At the Moscow Copper-Smelting Plant imeni V. M. Molotov, shop chief Petrov, technologist Bratchikov, and Solovyev, scientific director of the "Gintsvetmet" (State Institute of Nonferrous Metals?), have discovered new colloidal additives for electrolytic solutions by which the yield of cathode metal is considerably increased. The new additive is called the Petrov contact additive. By using it, the average yield of metal in July was 95 percent, which is substantially more than even the best achievements of other USSR plants. Some brigades have brought the yield to as high as 95.5 percent.

KAZAKH LEAD, COPPER PRODUCTION MOUNTS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 174, 6 Sep 49

Since the advent of Soviet power, production of lead in Kazakhstan has increased several hundred times, and of copper, 23.5 times.

LENINOGORSK COMBINE LAGS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 180, 14 Sep 49

The concentration factories (director, Yegurnov) of the Leninogorsk Polymetallic Combine, Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast, are not meeting the plan for recovery of metal nor for metal concentrates. The Sokol'nyy Mine (director, Malkin) of the combine is also lagging in the utilization of equipment. Despite the abundance of machinery at the mine, mechanization of cutting and clearing operations is on an extremely low level.

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MINE MECHANIZATION PROGRESSES -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 200, 25 Aug 49

An article recently published in <u>Pravda Ukrainy</u> urged the renewed use of hydraulic machinery in manganese mining in the Marganets Basin. The <u>Dnepropetrovsk Chlast Committee KP(b)</u> Ukraine and the <u>Main Administration</u> of the <u>Ore-Mining Industry</u>, Ministry of the <u>Metallurgical Industry USSR</u>, report that it has been decided to recommence hydraulic machine methods of mining in the Nikopol'-Marganets Basin.

Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 166, 26 Aug 49

Powerful loading machines have completely replaced heav, manual labor in collecting ore in the mines of the Berezovka Mine Administration, Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast. Scraper winches are used in many drifts. The mines were the first in the oblast to start the September production plan.

Kommunist, No 203, 28 Aug 49

In comparison with 1940, labor productivity in the Zangezur (copper) Mine Administration, Armenian SSR, has increased 21 percent and 40 percent over 1945. Ore hauling in all chief mines is now done by electric locomotive, and draft horses are not used anywhere. Hand hauling, which is done only on short distances in intermediate drifts, will soon be abolished. Mechanization of all mining operations throughout the administration will be completed in 1949. The mines will convert to artificial ventilation in 1950.

Construction has begun on a new road linking the city of Kafan with the mines. -- A. Kntekhtsyan, director, Zangezur Mine Alministration

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